

New York State High School basketball championship trophy.

Stepped in a proud athletic history, the Hurricanes of Westhampton Beach had to climb a steep mountain to attain this landmark championship. In the six years previous to winning the 1998 title, coach Rich Wrase led his team to six straight league titles, three Suffolk County championships and a trip to the state Final Four championship round. Their quest culminated last weekend when the Hurricanes rolled over defending state champion Syracuse-Westhill to win the New York State public school title, then whipped New York City powerhouse Wadleigh High School to win the state Federation Class B championship.

So much credit for Westhampton Beach's 28-0 season success lies in the contributions of its leaders on and off the court. Coach Rick Wrase's disciplined leadership kept these young men focused on winning a state title. On the court, senior point guard Dale Menendez proved himself a team leader by scoring 19 points, adding 5 rebounds and 4 steals in the win over Syracuse-Westhill to earn the Most Valuable Player honors for the Class B Tournament. Senior classmate Jermain Hollman also came up big for the Hurricanes, contributing 22 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists to earn the Most Valuable Player award in the Federation title game.

As impressive as Menendez's and Hollman's offense contributions are, Westhampton Beach earned its championship with impenetrable team defense. Utilizing an aggressive, trapping attack, the Hurricanes dogged opponents mercilessly, holding Syracuse-Westhill to just 36 points. Then, up by just two points at halftime of the Federation title game, the Hurricane defense stepped up and held previously undefeated Wadleigh to just 19 second half points.

The work ethic and close-net feel of this high school basketball team is a team reflection of my hometown, Westhampton Beach. The entire community is filled with pride for these young men, who have worked hard and sacrificed together to reach this goal. So I ask my colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to join me and all my neighbors in saluting the Westhampton Beach Hurricanes, the 1998 New York State high school basketball champions.

#### TRIBUTE TO VICTIMS OF ARMENIAN GENOCIDE

SPEECH OF

**HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 22, 1998*

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I wish to commemorate the 83rd Anniversary of the Armenian genocide. On April 24, 1915, more than two hundred Armenian religious, political, and intellectual leaders were arrested and killed. From 1915 to 1923, 1½ million people lost their lives in the slaughter. Another half million lost their homes and property, and watched as the symbols of their religion and culture were destroyed.

Regrettably, the world's inaction in the face of these atrocities sent a message that human rights violations would be tolerated. Hitler and other leaders saw nothing to deter them from

waging genocide campaigns against other groups. Today we are still fighting the same kind of hatred in Eastern Europe, Southeast Asia, and other parts of the world.

The Armenians who survived have maintained thriving cultures in the Middle East and built vibrant communities in the United States and around the world. We in Congress join them in honoring the memory of those who perished in the killings, and we use this opportunity to renew and strengthen our commitment to protect human rights around the world.

#### A TRIBUTE TO LYNN O'SHEA

**HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 28, 1998*

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to acknowledge the very special contributions to my community and to humanity in general by an outstanding individual, Ms. Lynn O'Shea.

Lynn O'Shea is best known for her dedication to enriching the lives of people with disabilities, especially in her 15 years of work as Executive Director of Seguin Services. On May 1, 1998, Lynn is leaving Seguin to become Executive Director of a similar agency that is closer to her home.

As an employee of Seguin for 15 years, Lynn has served in many roles. Under her leadership, Seguin has been fiscally sound in the face of continuing funding crises and has grown into a \$15 million organization that provides jobs for over 400 people. More notably, Lynn has responded to the growing needs of foster care homes for infants and children with disabilities and severe medical conditions by launching a foster care program that is now recognized as a model in Illinois. Most importantly, Lynn has helped people with developmental disabilities to live and work in the same way their neighbors do, she has broken down barriers to community integration by supporting developmentally disabled adults find jobs in the community, and she has established small single family homes with permanent foster parents.

Lynn is a role model not only for the citizens of Illinois, but for all workers in the social work industry. She is highly regarded in her field among her colleagues in Illinois. Her leadership style and never-say-no attitudes have earned her respect, admiration and love from her management team.

It is with great pleasure that I ask my colleagues to recognize her accomplishments and to thank Lynn for her extraordinary work, leadership and dedication to helping citizens throughout the state of Illinois.

#### ELIZABETH PORTUGUESE LIONS CLUB TO DEDICATE "LION TRI- ANGLE MONUMENT"

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 28, 1998*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Elizabeth, New Jersey Por-

tuguese Lions Club and congratulate its members for all they have done for the community. For their tireless efforts, the "Lion Triangle Monument" is being dedicated in their honor. The Monument will be unveiled on Saturday, April 25, at the corners of Elmora Avenue and West Grand Street in Elizabeth.

Since its establishment in 1979, the Elizabeth Portuguese Lions Club has raised funds for its community-based projects, ranging from soup kitchens to the establishment of the Elizabeth Portuguese Leo Club, the youth branch of the club. Last year alone, the club raised over \$15,000 for community projects.

It is only fitting that the Elizabeth Portuguese Lions Club's motto, "Our City; Our Nation; Our Neighborhood," will be printed on the tiled sides of the monument along with images of Elizabeth, hand-printed by Fernando Silva. The project, a truly magnificent work of art, will not only serve as a symbol for the club's continued commitment to its community, but will also bring pride and beauty to the neighborhood.

I would especially like to thank the president of the club, Helena Goncalves, her board, the members of the club, as well as the prominent elected officials—Freeholder Donald Goncalves, Councilman Manny Grova Jr., and Councilman Tony Monteiro—for all their contributions to the project. Special thanks and congratulations go out to Nelson Goncalves, past Governor of the Lion's District 16-E, who has just been appointed as New Jersey State Chairman for the Lions. These selfless individuals will be on hand, along with members of the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders, to celebrate this gala event.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF RIVERBANK ARMY AMMUNI- TION PLANT

**HON. GARY A. CONDIT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, April 28, 1998*

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant, the Army's only producer of cold drawn casings for mortar rounds, for its receiving of the Secretary of the Army 1997 Environmental Award for Installation Environmental Cleanup during a ceremony held on Monday, April 27, 1998.

The Army awards panel selected Riverbank AAP for its efforts in putting together a string of environmental accomplishments while cleaning up groundwater contamination on and around the installation.

The Army industrial installation, located near Riverbank, CA in the 18th Congressional District is on schedule to complete its cleanup program nearly 20 years early, saving the government millions of dollars.

Riverbank AAP achieved a number of environmental firsts during their cleanup program. It was the first federal NPL facility to complete a final record of decision marking the end of all environmental investigations and the start of final cleanup.

It was also the first federal facility to earn an installation-wide construction complete status from the EPA signifying that all remedial actions were in place and the program could move into long-term monitoring and operations phase.